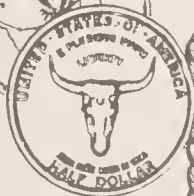


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This year has not been very good to us healthwise. Mary Jane and I started out the month of February by sharing a room in the local hospital. We both had pneumonia. I wound up having a relapse and going back for a second stay. As if that wasn't enough, I eventually returned for my third hospital stay within the month with a rather severe case of pancreatitis. For those who have been fortunate enough to have never had problems with the pancreas, suffice to say that it is an extremely debilitating illness. Those who have had a problem know its enervating devastation to your very ability to function.

There was, however, a very bright spot to the year. That was the ANA Early Spring Convention held in the famous Infomart in Dallas on 1-3 March 1991. If I were given to captioning or titling these messages, I would write something like "ANA Early Spring Convention Sets Tone for 1991 Coin Shows" or "ANA Returns to Collector Oriented Service" or perhaps even "ANA Shows Increased Support of Clubs and Associations." ANA Executive Director Robert Leuver has implemented a reciprocity policy that is superb. TNA may not have been the first to participate in this policy but we certainly did respond when we were made aware of it. Here's how it

worked for us. When I say us, I'm saying all 1,300 members of this Association.

ANA District Governor James L. Halperin called me last fall and ANA Convention Director Ruthann Brettell contacted me several months before the Convention and asked if we, TNA, would like a table at the Early Spring Convention in Dallas. The table would be free and would come with table covering, an appropriate sign and all of the accouterments that are provided to paying dealers. The table was offered so that we could meet the public, further the interest of numismatics and recruit new members for ANA, TNA and/or local Coin Clubs. Expensive photo-identification badges were provided to each of us that staffed the table. The only stipulation or requirement requested by the ANA was that the table be staffed at all times and that it be kept neat and orderly.

I jumped at the chance to have a free table at a premium quality show just to further the cause of numismatics and TNA. District V Governor Frank E. Clark III went to the Dallas Coin Club and the Garland Coin Club in his District and obtained volunteers to staff our table. He organized them into shifts of several hours each and we were ready. I obtained the names of the

volunteers and arranged to have a photo-ID badge for each of them. Some of their names were new to me and I subsequently discovered that they had not yet become members of TNA. I was really impressed. Here were some collectors or numismatists who were willing to expend their time and effort to work our table even though they had not yet joined our Association. They were numismatists, or had enough interest in numismatics to spend their free time trying to get show attendees to come and visit their clubs and/or join TNA. Some of these marvelous volunteers have subsequently joined and are now members of TNA.

I am going to take this opportunity to identify those folks in addition to Frank Clark, who worked so hard on behalf of our hobby and TNA. They are Joe Barthold, Ron Blaha, Steve Cozart, Jack Gregg, Ben Hong, Ed Johnston, Jack Lewis, Don Nixon, Tom Ragsdale and Jerri Strong. Frank Clark and I were able to be there each day from opening to closing. I don't remember exactly how many new members were signed, but I believe that Frank signed six or seven himself. It's really very easy. I can't believe that each of you haven't signed up one new member this year. If you

did, our membership would double and we'd have some funds to do more for our young people.

The Convention was great! Most dealers did well and I was encouraged and pleased to see individuals carrying checklists again. I saw very few slabbed coins being traded but there did seem to be lots of activity in individual U.S. and world coins and in paper money.

I mentioned Bob Leuvers's reciprocity policy. We too have implemented the same policy. ANA was provided with a table at our TNA Convention in Houston to enable them to recruit new members or just talk about numismatics. ANA President Ken Hollenbeck was there and I hope that each of you took the opportunity to introduce yourselves and get to know him.

The ANA 1992 Early Spring Convention will be held in Dallas again next year. I hope that we will be offered a table again. Thanks ANA. I think that we both benefited and I appreciated your invitation to participate. The Mississippi Numismatic Association was the only other organization that took advantage of ANA's offer of a table this year. It was nice chatting and exchanging views with our southern brothers. It's great to be working together for the good of the hobby.

Back in 1892 the firm of Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, manufacturers of Remington Typewriters, knew the value of advertising. For the privilege of purchasing the first Columbian half dollar struck they paid the sum of \$10,000. The coin is now at the Field Museum in Chicago.

The earliest mint on what is now American soil was located in Saugus, Mass., then the Mass. Bay Colony. Saugus, eight miles out of old Boston town, was chosen by the provincial legislature to be the site of the mint, as iron works were already established there.

MOTHERS ON MONEY

Chris Johns
Houston, Texas
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Mothers are very important in the scheme of the universe. They bring forth and nurture the new generations to insure the continuation of the species. In these trying days, when mothers seem deemed to so much unhappiness, let us visit the numismatic mothers — **MOTHERS ON COINS.**

It is an impressive list. Wilhelmina, mother of Juliana, Queen of the Netherlands, and a good queen in her own right, ruled from 1890 until her abdication in favor of Juliana in 1948. Her portrait appears on coins of the Netherlands, Surinam, Curacao, Netherland Antilles and Netherlands East Indies. The portraits change from child head coins for 1890-1898, young head 1899-1909, adult head 1910-1926, and the older head, 1926 through her abdication.

Ingrid of Sweden, married to Frederick IX of Denmark, is mother of the Danish Queen Margarethe. Ingrid is pictured on only two of

Denmark's coins: the 1953 silver 2 kroner Greenland commemorative and the 1960 silver 5 kronor commemorating the silver wedding anniversary of Ingrid and Frederick IX. Ingrid is also the mother of Princess Benedikte, and Anne-Maria, who in 1965 was married to King Constantine II of the Hellenes. Queen Ingrid, during her marriage to Frederick IX, helped establish the almost family atmosphere enjoyed in Denmark.

Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg appears on the 1929 5 and 10 silver francs, the 1930 bronze 5 and 10 centimes and the 1949 copper-nickel 5 francs. Her rule ended in 1961 with the transferral of executive power to her son, Prince Jean.

Isabel II of Spain, 1833-1868, appeared on the 1, 2, 4 and 8 maravedi pieces of copper; the 2, 4 and 20 silver reales; 1, 2, 4, 10 and 20 reales in a re-designed silver; gold 80 reales of 1834-1848; 1/20, 1/10, 1/5 and 1/2 reales of copper; 1, 2, 4, 10 and 20 silver reales; 20, 40, 80 and 100 reales of gold dated 1855-1864; copper minor coins and 2, 4 and 10 escudos, gold. Mother of Alfonso XII, although she headed a scandalous reign marked by betrayals, in private life she created her own standards of queenly behavior. Increased road building in Spain during her reign was a mark on the favorable side of the ledger.

Other "Mothers on Money" include the Madonna, mother of the greatest *Man* who ever lived, pic-

tured on Austria's Maria Zell 25 schilling, and as Patrona on Hungarian 2 pengos of 1929-1939. For further reading on the life of this beautiful mother, may I refer you to the pages of that best seller, **THE HOLY BIBLE**.

The sweetest "Mothers on Money" are pictured on coins of Ireland! On the 1/2 penny bronze is pictured a sow with her piglets, while on the 1 penny bronze is shown a hen and her chicks.

Elizabeth II of Great Britain appears on some of the most beautiful coins minted in the world today. Her most regal portrait is probably the 1953 Coronation crown. She is pictured mounted side-saddle in a military uniform. Her portrait is shown on coins of the entire British Commonwealth of Nations, from Australia to the Straits Settlements.

Mother of Charles, the heir-apparent, Princess Anne and the younger Princes, publicity shows

that she has not had the easiest of times as a mother. The marriage of her older son, the antics of the younger children, all point to the problems mothers have faced since time immemorial.

Quite possibly the most famous, the best-known "Mother on Money," and one whose offspring is as well-known as Mama, is Maria Theresa of Austria, mother of Marie Antoinette of France. Ruling from 1717 to 1780, Maria Theresa embodied some most desirable motherly traits: perseverance, determination, concern for her children (shown in her correspondence with ill-destined Marie Antoinette) and a strong social conscience for her country. Pictured on the taler of Austria, the "Fat Lady" continues to grace one of numismatic's most beautiful coins.

Happy Mother's Day, even if you aren't a "Mother on Money."

FLYING EAGLE 1¢

Contrary to the belief of many collectors, the Flying Eagle cent of 1856 was merely a pattern coin and not legal tender when issued. The act that legalized the small-sized copper-nickel cent was not approved until February 21, 1857. That they did circulate is evidenced by the number that are known in good to fine condition. According to most authorities, a sufficient quantity was struck so that each member of Congress as well as Treasury Department officials could be given one or more. All efforts to obtain an official statement as to the exact number has proved futile. Records indicate that the coins were also restruck in the 1860's. Mintage estimates vary from 960 to 10,000.

LAFAYETTE DOLLAR

The Lafayette dollar is the first commemorative dollar-size silver coin struck by the U.S. mint. Although dated 1900, it was struck in 1899. It reads "Lafayette Dollar" instead of "One Dollar" as required by law. The U.S. government donated the silver used, which was never done before. It was the first U.S. coin to bear the portrait of an ex-president which was Washington. Its reverse design, showing the statue of Lafayette is almost identical to the 1953 British Coronation crown of Elizabeth II. The coin was struck for the French International Exposition of 1900 and honored the placing of a statue of Gen. Lafayette in Paris. The issue was limited to 50,000 which sold for \$2.00

COMMEMORATING ...

Miriam Gilmore NLG
San Antonio, Texas



The series of United States commemorative half dollars issued from 1892-1954, featured seven U.S. presidents in the designs. The first to appear was Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President, on the Illinois Centennial coin struck in 1918. His likeness was certainly appropriate for the time.

Illinois, the 21st state to join the Union, was named for a tribe of Indians — the Illini — living in the territory. Illini translates to "Men." The year was 1818 and the Centennial celebration took place in 1918 with many festivities during the year.

To further commemorate the Centennial event, the silver half dollar was minted showing a profile of Abraham Lincoln, without beard, on the obverse. The Illinois state seal is on the reverse — an eagle standing on a rock with ribbon in its beak and bearing the state motto — "STATE SOVEREIGNTY, NATIONAL UNION." The coin was

designed by George T. Morgan and John R. Sinnock.

During Lincoln's administration, the great Emancipation Proclamation was declared to free all slaves within the Confederacy while the Civil War was taking place. Even though he hated war, he accepted it as the only means to save the Union. As President, he presented his famous Gettysburg address in 1863 at services dedicating a soldiers' cemetery. It has endured as a piece of literary work and many of us had to memorize it in our school days. To further U.S. expansion, he proposed the 1862 Homestead Law granting land to anyone agreeing to cultivate it for five years.

Lincoln was born in Kentucky and in his growing years, was barely able to read and write. Even with no formal education, he entered the law profession, politics, and rose to the highest position in our nation.

Lincoln's early years were spent in Indiana and when he was 21, he moved with his family to Illinois. After his law studies (working at odd jobs to pay for his education) Lincoln served as a state legislator (1834-1841) and one term in Congress (1847-1849). He was a Whig at the time but later switched over to the Republican Party.

The Favorite Son of Illinois became president in 1860, but his term in office and his life were cut short

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FOR POSTERITY

Paul Miller
SandSprings, Oklahoma

As collectors, most of you have your collection stored away in a safe deposit box. Wherever you store your collection, possibly you have not checked on it for some time. I want to take this opportunity to appeal to each of you who have had your collection stored for some time, to check for coins that are still in vinyl flips.

Vinyl flips, unlike Mylar, have plasticizers to make the flips pliable. (Some albums have plasticizers too.) Dealers and collectors prefer the vinyl flips because they are pliable and do not crack. However, these plasticizers contain phthalate which can do severe damage to coins. The damage will first appear as a green film and if left unchecked can eventually eat the metal away. The time this process takes depends on the temperature and humidity.

In many instances the residue can be removed. The problem is if you have mint state coins with luster, when you remove the residue, you will remove the original luster. This is not a happy occasion if you have the 1932-S&D Washington

quarters with the "slime" on them.

The chemical most used to remove this mess is trichlorotrifluoroethane, commonly called "Dis-solve." Another product sometimes used is "Blue Ribbon" Professional coin cleaner and preservative. It contains trichloroethane plus a lubricant.

While I do not recommend cleaning coins, if you have the slime on them, it needs to come off. If the coins in question are of great value you need to find an expert to help you. If you must attempt this yourself, I highly recommend using some low value coins first to experiment with.

Now you ask: What do I store my coins in after I have cleaned them? This will depend on the value of the coins and how long they will be stored. There are a lot of good containers on the market, so do some research and pick the one that suits your needs. The main emphasis of this article is to get your coins out of the PVC flips. Do it today! If not for yourself, do it for posterity!

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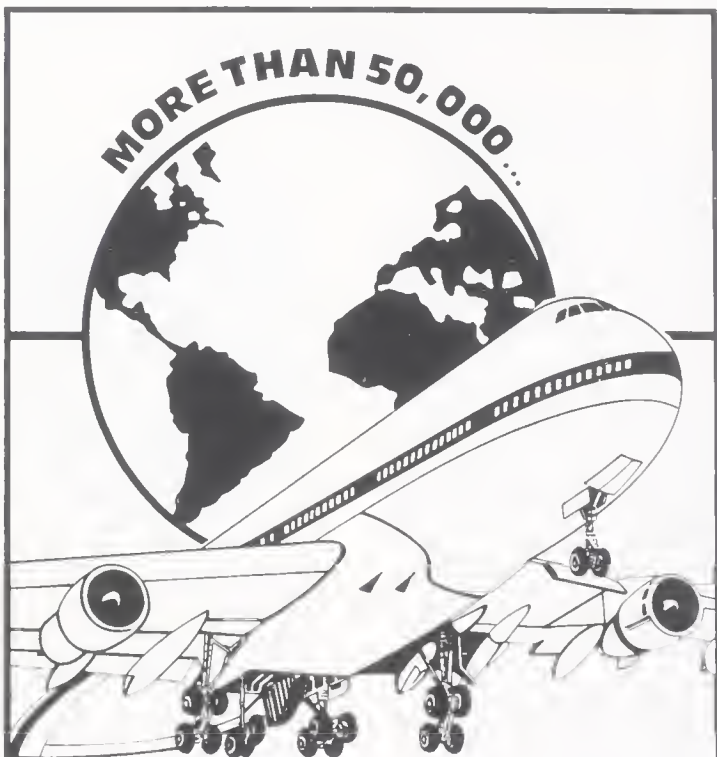
by an assassin's bullet on April 14, 1865 while attending a performance at the Ford Theatre in Washington.

Illinois, known as the Prairie State, is best known for its meat packing, manufacturing, coal mining and corn growing. Springfield is the capital where Lincoln is buried

and Chicago is its largest city.

The original selling price for the Illinois Centennial half dollar was \$1.00 but now ranges from \$60.00 to \$1,275.00. Mintage was 100,058.

Next month, the Maine Centennial...



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Dear Fellow Members — I surely do hope that all of you who attended the just completed 33rd TNA Convention in Houston had an absolutely marvelous time. It is always so much fun to see some of those long-time member-friends, many of whom we see so seldom, and to meet as many of the new members as we can. I especially enjoyed this Houston Convention because I felt so much better this year than I did last year at this time. Some of you may recall that shortly before the 1990 Convention I had had a total right hip joint replacement and I was not very comfortable at the convention. Much of the time I was simply too fatigued to feel very well. But this year was different. What a difference a year can make. In addition, we have a daughter and son-in-law living in Houston with whom we managed to visit. Sometimes I think we simply do not see our children often enough.

If you have not yet made your donation to the Study Group/Bob Medlar Memorial Fund, please do so now while this gentle reminder is fresh on your mind. If you don't recall what this is all about, please re-read your April 1991 **TNA NEWS**, page 12. There are many who feel that this is a good and proper way to memorialize a former outstanding member of the numis-

matic community and who served TNA so well over the years. Your President, Ray Whyborn, and I have made our contributions to this fund. Won't you please make yours now? How much? Whatever you feel that you can afford. From \$5.00 on up. Please send your contribution to me at the above address. Thank you so very much.

I'd like to use a few lines to applaud our Medals Officer, Frank Galindo, of San Antonio. Frank is an exceptionally gifted artist and designer and has played a major role in the designs of many of our TNA medals. Also, our current logo is a product of Frank's skill. Take a look at it sometime. I think it is very handsome and certainly an improvement over our previous logo. On page 3 of the April 1991 **TNA NEWS** is a reproduction of our newest annual medal which is available in silver and in bronze. A good-looking medal design, I think. Frank, you are just so darned talented and we, of TNA, are just so fortunate to have you as our designer and Medals Officer.

Next month I plan to tell you about an idea which I have for reducing Frank's inventory of bronze medals from years past. I expect that Frank has many hundreds of those bronze medals. Until next month, good hunting.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.

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Welcome to new members J-5592-5604. If approved, the following will become members June 1, 1991.

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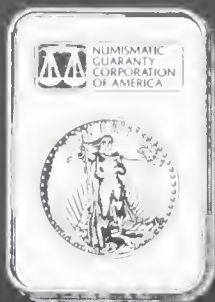
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MAY 18-19

GATEWAY COIN CLUB, annual show, Seven Oaks Motor Hotel, 1400 Austin Hiway. **WRITE:** Club, Box 12964, San Antonio 78312-0964.

JUNE 1

FORT HOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB, monthly show, Fiddlers' Green Recreation Center, Fort Hood. **CONTACT:** Steve Staton, at 287-1299.

JUNE 7-9

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, 19th annual show, Palmer Auditorium, S. 1st & Riverside, Austin. **WRITE:** CLUB, Box 9057, Austin 78766, 512/453-7565.

JUNE 29

ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show, Ramada Inn, 2610 I-10. **WRITE:** Jerry Williams, 2645 North St., Beaumont 77702.

JULY 12-14

NORTHLINE COIN & CARD SHOW, Airport Hilton Inn. **CONTACT:** Milton Dove, Box 92146, Houston 77206, 713/893-7643.

JULY 13-14

GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB, INC., collector's show. Exhibits Hall, Amarillo Civic Center. **CONTACT:** Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo 79106-6033. 806/355-1702.

JULY 27-28

ARK-LA-TEX COIN & CARD EXPOSITION, Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA. **WRITE:** Joe Notini, Box 492, Shreveport, LA 71162.

AUGUST 24-25

SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, Ft. Worth. **WRITE:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Lock, Ft. Worth 76180.

SEPTEMBER 7-8

BEAUMONT & PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUBS, Coin & Collectibles Show, Beaumont Hilton, 2355 I-10 South, Beaumont. **BOURSE:** Jack Provost, Box 1676, Silsbee 77656, 409/385-9272.

SEPTEMBER 14-15

TYLER COIN CLUB, 11th annual show, Harvey Convention Center. **WRITE:** Club, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

SEPTEMBER 21-22

AUSTIN TEXAS COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Airport Hilton, **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

OCTOBER 18-20

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NOVEMBER 2-3

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District Meetings

DISTRICT IV —

Jack Moir presented a program on "Error Coins, Varieties or What?" at the meeting of the **Capitol City Coin Club** of Austin held at Travis County Court House. Jack showed examples from his collection that had very light additional lettering on the coin and double dies. He explained that the die maker had to accidentally touch the die with the hub when he was aligning the die and hub to cause the extra lettering. Jack gave each a comprehensive set of notes for reference material.

The 26 in attendance discussed the recent ANA Early Spring Convention held in Dallas. An auction concluded the meeting.

— **Larry Smulczenski,**
Reporter.

A discussion on half cents was presented by Boh Metzgar at the Austin Texas Coin Club meeting held at Travis County Court House. He talked about the various designs and varieties in the series which were minted between 1793 and 1857. Of interest was the edge lettering on the early mintage. Bob showed examples of a number of varieties from his collection and also discussed the best ways to protect copper coinage.

Members reported on the recent ANA Early Spring Convention held in Dallas. Sixteen attended the meeting.

Larry Smulcsenski,
V. Pres.

DISTRICT V —

Two different programs were given by Ron Blaha for members of the **Garland Coin Club, Inc.** Ron talked about "My Coin Collecting Adventures" and "Early U. S. Halves." He told the group that he would get rolls of coins from the bank and spend hours going through them. He began collecting large cents in 1977 after a visit to a San Antonio coin shop and then branched out to half cents, Bust halves, Hard Times tokens, Confederate currency, Texas notes and Colonials.

Ron discussed the early U.S. halves which included the Flowing Hair design, the Draped Bust - Small Eagle/Heraldic Eagle and the Capped Bust.

Dennis Hoelzle won the door prize and Tim Lee conducted the auction.

— **Newsletter.**

Joe Barthold treated members of the **Dallas Coin Club** to a slide presentation of "450 Years of Canadian History in 15 Minutes, As Seen by a Coin Collector." The showing began with the Eastern Exploration Map" and the 1949 dollar coin which commemorated John Cabot's discovery and claim for Great Britain in 1449, with a design of his ship, the "Matthew." A coin was issued in 1984 to commemorate the 450th year since Jacques Cartier reached Quebec in 1534. French "Playing Card Money," which was signed by commanding officers and

sealed in wax, were used in exchange in Canada, and are now scarce items. The penalty of death was imposed on anyone with these cards in their possession after they were recalled.

The door prize was claimed by Mike Grant.

— Barbara de Anda.

DISTRICT VI —

The nominating committee reported to members of the **Greater Houston Coin Club** on the selection of new officers to serve during 1991-1992. Announced were Charles Templeton, president; Spence Tucker, vice president; Bernard Loebe, secretary; Herb Pasternak, treasurer; and Al Loja and Boh Jones, Board members.

Bob Jones volunteered to act as editor of "The Double Shift" and asked members to submit articles for publication.

New club members include Alvin L. Gay Jr., Joseph H. Stephens III, Jeffery L. Todd, R. H. Fisackerly, R. M. Graham and Sandra Gilpin.

Door prizes were won by Gerald Kendall and Bob Jones.

— The Double Shift.

DISTRICT VII —

Ed Witt gave a mini program for members of the **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio on the various fields he has shown interest in. He spoke about collecting cigar labels, coins, stamps, buttons, etc. He included samples of silver medals and cachets certified by the United Nations postal administration. He also spoke about the new 29¢ stamped cachets.

The main program was presented by Leo Warren, a longtime collector of tokens and medals, specializing in San Antonio tokens. His prog-

ram included short vignettes about Judge Roy Bean, Ben Thompson and other characters of early San Antonio, as well as early San Antonio hotels, theatres and saloons.

The club is hosting its annual show on May 18-19 at the Seven Oaks Hotel, 1400 Austin Hiway in San Antonio. Write the Club for more information at Box 12964, San Antonio 78212-0964.

— The Gatepost.

"World Trade Dollars" — an ANA slide program — was presented at the meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. The slides included coins used in international trade and particularly those minted for that purpose, from the Joachims-thaler issued after a discovery of silver in that city in 1516 through the Straits Settlements dollar first issued in 1903.

Other features at club meetings in addition to educational programs are auctions and Show and Tell segments.

— Newsletter.

DISTRICT VIII —

Plans for the upcoming Collectors Show on May 11-12 were discussed at the meeting of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club**. The show location is at the Coliseum on Shoreline Drive.

The auction was conducted by John Smolik for the 19 members present. The door prize was won by Mary Ray.

At the next meeting, Larry Glen displayed old coins that had toned. Most dated back to the early 1920's. The club welcomed two new members — Mike Lewis and Robert Bidwell.

— Ouida Davis,
Gov. Dist. 8.

DISTRICT IX —

"My Experiences as a Coin Dealer" was the topic of a program given by Lee Saucey at the **South Plains Coin Club** meeting in Lubbock.

Reports were made on the March coin show by Frank Hesmall, Herman Jacobs, Sharon Rice and Hansen Ling. Club President Bill Bevers announced that he had already sold 129 tickets for the special drawing to be held during the show.

During the business session, Emma Jacobs was elected to serve as TNA Club Representative at the TNA convention. Max Teakell won the door prize. An auction concluded the meeting.

— E. L. Pitzer,
Gov. Dist. 9.

DISTRICT X —

The **International Coin Club** of El Paso hosted their 28th annual coin show in February at the Rode-way Inn. It was reported to be a "triumphant" success with over 60 dealers and over 2,600 visitors.

The 1992 coin show is already 95% sold out and the club is planning to add several more spaces.

Dealers were provided with coffee and donuts and a supper was held on the first day. Hourly door prizes were awarded and a special drawing was held. A small profit was realized for the club.

— James T. Karam,
Pres.

DISTRICT XIII —

The recently re-organized **Seymour Coin Club** with a study group format, met in the home of Paul Hoge with eight attending. The club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in different member's homes. Contact Ray Whyborn at

817/888-5156 to determine time and place of each month's study session

Hoge gave a presentation on the paper money of the Confederate States of America. History buff Hoge obtained source data from "The Heritage of America" by Henry Steele Commager and Allan Nevins. He displayed his Confederate paper money and explained its preparation and use. The group was also able to determine the complete 7th and final issue of paper money dated February 17, 1864 from specimens in the personal collection of club president, Ray Whyborn. It was noted that redemption of these bank notes is specifically prohibited by Section 4 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Confederate notes were issued using cotton and projected cotton sales to England and Europe as collateral.

Refreshments were served by Polly Hoge. The next meeting was to be at the home of Judge Joe Dickson.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Reporter.

Eighteen members of **Red River Coin Club** of Iowa Park met at the Texas Electric Co. for the regular meeting in March.

Gerald Brown gave a program on how each member started collecting coins. He asked members to relate where, when, how they started collecting. It was interesting to learn how each started. Connolly O'Brien donated several door prizes and then explained the story around each one. O'Brien also conducted the auction.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Reporter.

The **Cotton Country Coin Club** of Rule regrets to inform interested parties that it has disbanded. The club's officers have closed their bank account and donated the balance of \$66.25 to the TNA to be used where needed. We regret the loss of this club but the nation's economy coupled with great travel distances may have had a serious impact.

The club was noted for its numismatic programs, warm friendly people and an enjoyable social each month.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn,**
Reporter.

DISTRICT XIV —

Mike Di Gennaro, president of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley, thanked all who assisted with the club's 3rd annual Coin and Collectibles Show. It was reported that the show was well attended, and door prizes included a gold coin.

Ada Lee Chisum discussed the theme of the 1991 National Coin Week. Di Gennaro conducted the auction.

The club meets the 1st Wednesday at People's Church in San Juan.

— **Helen Snider,**
Gov. Dist. 14.

DISTRICT XV —

The program by Jerry Williams for members of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** touched on the coinage and life of Susan B. Anthony. There were 15 S.B.A. dollars from three different mints and two types. Ms. Anthony worked all her life for women's right to vote and to abolish slavery. Wyoming was the first state to let women vote in 1869.

Jerry displayed coins from his collection.

Members were asked if they had any coin supplies and albums to donate to the junior members and to bring them to the next meeting. Mr. Rodrigues donated two Red Books to a junior member and a junior visitor. Members were also reminded to pay club dues.

— **Dollars & Cents.**

Art Larkin was named chairman of the annual coin show co-hosted by the **Beaumont Coin Club** and the **Port Arthur Coin Club**. Jack Provost is serving as bourse chairman; Bill Stein is in charge of advertising; and Jerry Williams and John Barnes are Port Arthur club representatives. The show will be held in September.

"Rarities/Oddities" were discussed by Bill Pyron and he stated that the first American coins were minted from existing French coins and by private companies. Also, that at one time German currency was printed on soap wrappers because it was cheaper than regular paper and inflation was high.

Door prize winners were Judy Matherne, Bob Jenkins, Mr. Cawley and John Brown. Jenkins also led the auction.

— **Rosemary Moore.**

Bob Jenkins presented a program on "Facts and Fiction" at the meeting of the **Silsbee Coin Club**. It was announced that Zeke Provost will give the program at the next meeting and Sharon Bradley will provide refreshments.

During the business session, the annual show on March 30 was discussed and also an upcoming auction.

Winners of door prizes were Bill Pyron, Bob Jenkins, Alene Larkin and Barbara Edwards.

— Sharon Provost, Sec.

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DISTRICT XVIII —

Twenty-five were in attendance at the meeting of the **Waco Coin Club, Inc.** in March and Andy Gross was welcomed as a visitor. Plans were discussed for the 30th annual coin and stamp show on March 23-24.

Gerry Kammer gave a program on the large copper coins of Catherine the Great (1762-96) of Russia, illustrating his talk with several examples, including a 10 kopek struck over a 5 kopek.

— J. P. Jones,
TNA Reporter.

The Roosevelt dime was introduced in 1946, followed in 1948 by issuing the Franklin half dollar, which was replaced by the Kennedy half in 1964 with coinage to date.

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The population of Kweiyang is approximately 125,000 inhabitants and it has developed into a commercial and communications center linked to the north. The first road for which the coin was struck is still in use.

Flattery is the art of telling a person exactly what he thinks of himself.

"Bank" Origin

In ancient times in Greece and Rome, it was the custom of the money changers to sit on benches in the temple with their scales and pieces of money to conduct the business of exchanging the money of the worshippers for temple offerings. In Latin the word is "bancus," that is how the word "bank" originated. In Italian, bench is "banco" and in French "banque" and in German "bank."

There is no doubt but that banking functioned or was regulated by governments in ancient Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome. One instance to support this view is found in the comedy of "Phormio." Terence has a dialogue with reference to depositing money and drawing out funds by check. Cicero also mentions a check and a letter of credit in his plays.

As early as the fifth century A.D. the term "bank" is found in Italian historical writings, but with the decline of civilization in the dark ages, there was very little which could be called banking. For the origin of modern banking practices we must come down to the money dealers who flourished in Florence and Venice in the 12th and 13th centuries.

El Salvador

The Republic of El Salvador is the smallest of the five Central American republics, on the Pacific Coast between Guatemala, Honduras and the Gulf of Fonseca. San Salvador is the capital city and was founded in 1525 by Jorge de Alvarado.

In 1925, a one colon was issued commemorating the fourth century of San Salvador. It shows the busts of Alvarado and Quinonez and the arms of San Salvador. There were only 1,000 pieces struck

From Treasure Hunters

By Robert I. Nesmith
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"... The first mint America opened in the spring of 1536 in Mexico and silver four-real coins the size of a half-dollar were struck with the names of the Spanish rulers Charles I and Joana until around 1572 when Philip II coins appeared. No dated coins have been found before 1607 and dollar sized "pieces-of-eight" reales were not struck until after 1572 in Spanish colonial mints although they were made in Spain bearing the arms of Ferdinand and Isabella.

"Mints were opened in Lima and Potosi in Philip II's reign. Later mints worked in Nuevo Reino, Colombia; Guatemala; Santiago, Chile, and in the reign of Ferdinand VII in many other localities. Copper coins struck in the earliest days of the Mexico mint were not accepted by the natives, were discontinued and were not made again until 263 years later. Gold was molded into ingots and was not made into coins in Mexico until 1679"

Mint Collection

On March 3, 1839, Congress appropriated \$1,000 for specimens of ore and coins to be preserved at the mint. Thereafter, for more than 20 years, an annual appropriation of \$300 was given in order to increase the collection. The collection was housed at the Philadelphia Mint until March, 1923 when it was moved to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. It included medals, decorations, tokens and paper money as well as coins from around the world. It contained over 50,000 pieces. In 1951 the collection included 60,000 pieces.

British Trade \$'s

British trade dollars were issued for trading purposes in the Far East by the British government. They bear no indication of the issuing country except for the standing figure of Britannia in a fret border on the obverse. The denomination is in three languages. "ONE DOLLAR" on the obverse, and the equivalent of one dollar in Chinese and Malay in an ornamental frame on the reverse. They were distributed chiefly through the banks at Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang and Shanghai, and were struck for the most part at the Bombay mint, occasionally at the Calcutta mint and a few times since 1925 at the Royal Mint, London. These were first in 1895.

The study of the description of coins and medals, especially ancient ones, is known as Numismatology.

Institute Start

The Smithsonian Institute's numismatic collection originated with a legacy from its original English benefactor, James Smithson, who left two pasteboard boxes containing coins and medals, including a medallion bearing his likeness.

Smithson left his estate to the United States to found the museum, although he had never visited this country.

Ducats, sovereigns, crowns, louis d'or and napoleons were coins so named to refer to the authorities who issued them.

The Type II Jefferson nickel of 1942-45, carries the mint mark over the dome of Monticello. This indicates a silver alloy.

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